

PUBLIC NOTICE

FAX ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES FOR SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF CARTS, CARGO, AND PACKAGES ON BUSES

THIS POLICY IS EFFECTIVE MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

Policy

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Section 1216(c):

“Drivers and motor carriers shall not permit any greater quantity of freight, express, or baggage in vehicles than can be safely and conveniently carried without causing discomfort or unreasonable annoyance to passengers. In no event shall aisles, doors, steps, or emergency exits be blocked.”

Definitions

As defined in this policy, cargo includes carts, strollers, packages and other carrying devices including but not limited to:

- Foldable shopping carts
- Collapsible utility carts
- Foldable carry-all crates
- Luggage
- Recyclables
- Pets in carriers
- Duffle bags
- Boxes
- Groceries

Cargo does not include:

- Wheelchairs, which are regulated by the Americans with Disabilities Act when used as mobility aids (i.e., a person must be able to sit in their wheelchair). (Note: If a person cannot sit in their wheelchair due to cargo, the wheelchair must be properly secured, and the cargo must abide by the restrictions listed in this policy.)

Procedure

- A. Passengers are limited to what they can carry in a single trip without assistance from other people. Loads that require multiple trips or multiple people (loading or management) are prohibited.
- B. Drivers will be allowed to determine whether or not a passenger's carry-on items are in compliance with the Department's policy and will be expected to enforce it.
- C. Passengers must stay with their carts, strollers, or cargo during the entire trip and hold onto their belongings firmly, so they do not become projectiles in the event of an accident or a hard stop.
- D. Items will be limited in size to what passengers can reasonably carry on their laps when seated and/or stowed safely under or in front of their seats.
- E. Cargo that is wet, leaking, or hazardous will not be allowed on the bus under any circumstances.
- F. Baby carriages, strollers and empty carts should be folded prior to boarding. Walkers and rollators in use should be properly folded and stored so as not to impede the free movement of passengers or the driver in the aisle, doors, step wells or emergency exits, and must not present a potential hazard or danger to passengers. The wheel well may not be used for storage.
- G. If a grocery cart with packages cannot be folded, then it must be placed on the bus so that it does not impede the free movement of passengers or the driver in the aisle, doors, step wells, or emergency exits, and it must not present a potential hazard or danger to passengers. Carts and cargo which could be hazardous if they become projectiles in the event of an accident or hard stop are not allowed.
- H. Carts, strollers, or other utility devices will not be allowed if they:
 - Cannot easily/quickly negotiate vehicle door entrances and turns for any reason.
 - Contain loads that exceed the capacity of the carrying device.
 - Include items that are wet, leaking, or considered hazardous for any reason.

For more information, please call FAX at 559-621-7433